

Upper Columbia

UPDATE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE UPPER COLUMBIA ALTERNATIVE FLOOD CONTROL AND FISH OPERATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

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Draft EIS on Alternative Flood Control and Fish Operations at Libby and Hungry Horse Dams now available for public review and comment

In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Seattle District and Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Pacific Northwest Region, have completed the Draft Upper Columbia Alternative Flood Control and Fish Operations Environmental Impact Statement (UCEIS). The overall goal of the UCEIS is to evaluate effects of alternative flood control that is intended to provide reservoir and flow conditions at and below Libby and Hungry Horse Dams for anadromous and resident fish listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. Provision of these conditions is to be consistent with authorized project purposes, including maintaining the current level of flood control benefits.

There are several ways to access the Draft UCEIS:

- You may view the Draft UCEIS and related information on the project web page at <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/VARQ>.
- You may access copies of the Draft UCEIS at libraries throughout the study area in the Kootenai, Flathead, Clark Fork, Pend Oreille, and upper Columbia basins in the U.S. and Canada. Contact us to find the nearest location for you.
- You may request electronic or hard copies of the document from the contacts below. Make sure to specify if you would like to receive an electronic copy on a compact disc, the executive summary only (printed, about 50 pages), or a

printed version of the entire draft UCEIS (about 1,200 pages). You can also request to be removed from our mailing list if you wish.

You may comment at any one of the public meetings (see schedule below) or you may send written comments concerning this proposed project to either:

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Please e-mail requests, questions, or comments to: uceis@usace.army.mil. For electronic comments, please include your name and address in your message, place your comments in the body of your message, and please do not attach files.

The Draft UCEIS is available to the public for a 45-day review and comment period. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the Draft UCEIS are urged to provide comments. We must receive comments on or before January 2, 2006, to ensure consideration in the final EIS.

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You're invited to attend a public meeting on the draft EIS

Seven public meetings will be held for the draft UCEIS, to provide an opportunity for the public to present oral and/or written comments. The Corps will host the meetings at Eureka (MT), Bonners Ferry (ID), and Nelson (BC). Reclamation will host the meetings at Kalispell (MT), Kettle Falls (WA), and Grand Coulee (WA). Both agencies will co-host the meeting in Newport (WA).

All meetings will begin at 6:00pm, local time. For the first hour, resource specialists will be available to answer questions. At 7:00pm, there will be an opportunity to provide verbal and written comments for the record. The meeting dates and locations are as follows:

NOVEMBER 28, 2005

Best Western Baker Street Inn
153 Baker St.
Nelson, British Columbia

West Coast Kalispell Center Hotel
20 N Main St.
Kalispell, MT

NOVEMBER 29, 2005

Elementary School Cafeteria
1201 W 5th St.
Newport, WA

NOVEMBER 30, 2005

High School Auditorium
340 - 9th St. E.,
Eureka, MT

KC Diner
125 3rd Ave.
Kettle Falls, WA

DECEMBER 1, 2005

Kootenai River Inn
7169 Plaza St.
Bonners Ferry, ID

Grand Coulee City Hall
306 Midway Ave.
Grand Coulee, WA

Anyone needing special accommodations (translation, sign language interpreter, other) should contact Evan Lewis (evan.r.lewis@usace.army.mil) or Dan Lechefsky (dlechefsky@pn.usbr.gov) at least 10 days prior to the meeting of interest.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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